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By June 2021, city to get 85 MLD extra water

MGP monthly meeting held on water and sewage issues

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) was conducted online on Aug. 9 and the discussion was held in detail about 'Water and Sewage issues of Mysuru'. Assistant Executive Engineers of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) B.G. Vinay Kumar and B.A. Dhanush were present.

Vinay Kumar said Rs.185 crore has been released under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) Scheme and 80 percent of the works have been completed and by June 2021, extra water up to 85 MLD (million litres per day) will be made available in Mysuru which can suffice the water requirements of all areas including the new Layouts transferred by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), Mysuru.

"Currently 35 wards of Mysuru are getting water supply daily. Once AMRUT is fully executed all Wards will get water supply every day. Though water supply is designed to reach the first floor, that is up to 7 meters, at present due to supply constraints it cannot be achieved," he said.

Payment of water bills

VVWW has introduced online and UPI mode of payment of water bills in addition to counter payments and at KarnatakaOne Centres. Shortly, payment by debit/ credit cards can also be made when the meter reader comes to any house, he added.

The VVWW was given Rs. 50 lakh for Rain Water Harvesting (RWH). It is proposed to spend Rs. 20 lakh for artificial recharge of ground water. The rest Rs. 30 lakh is proposed to be distributed as discount to consumers who have done RWH at their own cost, officials said.

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To Our Readers

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Now, kith and kin of COVID dead can conduct last rites: DC

Abhiram Sankar

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&DM)- Now, the kith and kin can conduct the last rites of COVID-19 deceased as per their customs but under strict Government conditions, said Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar at the COVID-19 review meeting held at ZP Hall here yesterday.

Following a Government directive, the last rites of COVID victims were hitherto being conducted by the District Administration in accordance with the protocol. However, as per the latest guidelines by the Centre based on a report that the virus does not spread from COVID-19 dead bodies, the District Administration will allow the family to conduct the last rites of the dead as per their customs, the DC said.

However, the Government has set certain conditions, according to which the dead must be buried in a 6-ft deep pit after spraying it with disinfectants. Burning the body with firewood is not allowed but bodies can be cremated at electric crematoriums.

Noting that staff from the local Municipality, Town Panchayat and Revenue Department will be present during the conduct of last rites, the DC said it is mandatory for everyone performing last rites to wear Personal Protection Equipment and the kith and kin, numbering not more than 10, can watch the rituals from a safe distance of more than 10 ft. The officials present will submit a report on the procedures carried out, he added.

The District Administration used to receive many complaints on keeping the family away during last rites of COVID deceased. But following the Union Government's guidelines, the Administration has permitted the near and dear ones to take part in the last rites, he noted.

Continuing, the DC said that hearse vans of the MCC can be utilised for transporting the body to burial grounds or crematoriums within city limits. However, in case of rural areas, the family must make their own arrangements for shifting the body.

After the last rites, the staff of the respective burial ground or crematorium have to submit a report to the District Administration on the procedures followed, the DC added. The meeting noted that the electric crematorium at Jayanagar which was built over 7 years ago is yet to be utilised.

District Minister Somashekar, who chaired the meeting, directed the officials to submit a report on the status of the crematorium and take necessary action to utilise the crematorium.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	635
Total positive cases	:	9,915
Discharges yesterday	:	259
Total discharges	:	6,089
Deaths yesterday	:	10
Total deaths	:	294
Total active cases	:	3,532

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 16th August 2020

GSSSIETW signs MoU with Malaysian University

Mysuru, Aug. 16- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Multimedia University, Malaysia.

The main objective of this MoU is to promote and encourage cultural and scientific exchange between two different countries. This MoU intends to exchange visits of members of the teaching and research staff of the units, promote seminars, conferences, courses to carry out joint research projects and to discuss experiences in fields of common interest.

To create a synergy between the strength of two organisations and extend its benefit to students, an MoU was signed after a online google meeting.

The members present in the meeting were Indah, International Relations Director, Multimedia University, Malaysia, Dr. Ooi Che Pun, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Multimedia University, Dr. Fazly Abas, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Multimedia University, Dr. Tan Wooi Haw (Deputy Dean Academic & Internationalisation), Dr. Tan Yi Fei (Deputy Dean Research & Innovation), Dr. Hezerul Abdul Karim (Deputy Dean Student Affairs & Alumni), Dr. Ng Poh Kiat (Deputy Dean Academic & Internationalisation), Dr. Chan Yee Kit (Deputy Dean Research & Innovation), Dr. Lim Way Soong (Deputy Dean Student Affairs & Alumni), Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Multimedia University, R.K. Bharath, CEO & MCM, GSSS, Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer, GSSSIETW, Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Head, Department of TCE, GSSSIETW, Dr. G. Manjula, Associate Professor and Heads of various Departments, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Most of us are not free spirits, as we tend to carry the weight of our limited identities and ego, on our shoulders. Ego is the product of our experiences and choices and an idea that gets formed, with what is known to us. Every event, good or bad, brings us closer to the realisation of our true Self. Yet, we try our best to avoid suffering. What gives birth to the ego is the idea to escape suffering. We get entrapped by egocentric identities as we think it is easier to get happiness from what is known and familiar. We fear the unknown.

Ego is an identity formed for the convenience of ideas and concepts which are familiar and comfortable. Thereby, it rejects whatever is unfamiliar and uncomfortable, including reality. This rejection gives birth to negative emotions attached to ego — pride, jealousy, sense of superiority and being judgemental. If the nature of rejection is strong and far from reality, then it also generates fear, anxiety and guilt.

This Independence Day, let's make the resolve to getting rid of our limited identity and explore the possibility of what our free spirit could lead us to.

— Kartikeya Vajpai in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rare algae balls as great low-maintenance pets

Hokkaido: Marimo, a rare growth form of the Aegagropila linnaei algae in which the aquatic plant grows into large green balls with a velvet-like texture and appearance is also a natural treasure of Japan, as well as a popular pet. Aegagropila linnaei algae exists either as free-floating filaments, flat growths on rocks or green balls that can reach up to 40 cm in diameter. It's the latter that has fascinated both scientists and algae enthusiasts for centuries.

Marimo (literally "ball water plant") are particularly popular in Japan. The largest and most impressive-looking ones can be found in Lake Akan, in east Hokkaido. The lake is shallow, providing the conditions needed for Aegagropila linnaei to thrive, so the bottom is full of these giant, fluffy balls just waiting to be squeezed. Only you're not allowed to take those!

The forgotten first transparent car made in America

Detroit: The Pontiac Ghost Car, unveiled in 1939, was the first completely transparent car made in America and eight decades later, photos of it are still a wonder to behold. Designed to showcase everything that goes into making an automobile in a time when the automotive industry was thriving, the Pontiac Ghost Car was built by General Motors in partnership with Rohm and Hass, the company that invented Plexiglas.

The revolutionary material essentially replaced the sheet of metal out of which the car's body was usually made of, thus offering a clear view of the inner workings of the vehicle. To add to its striking appearance, the metallic structure featured a copper wash, the hardware was chrome-plated and the tires were white, instead of the usual black. The Ghost Car's total cost was estimated at $25,000 at the time.

HEALTH CAPSULE

by Bron Smith

What are the consequences of not drinking enough water?

Dehydration has been linked to weight gain, fatigue, anxiety and mood. It may also contribute to your afternoon circadian rhythm slump.

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Online alumni lecture held

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Alumni Association of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru, had organised an Alumni Lecture by P.R. Ramesh, an alumnus of 1998 batch Mechanical Engineering, through online mode.

P.R. Ramesh, a graduate in Engineering and MBA, has 22 years of experience in Indian and Multinational organisations heading Operations, Quality and Business Excellence. Currently he is the Vice-President at Seven Steps Business Transformation Systems.

Ramesh delivered a talk on "Problem Solving Skills for Fresh Graduates", where the talk was attended by more than 250 UG, PG students and many alumni of SJCE spread across the globe. The talk covered on the importance of problems, its understanding and solutions in various Engineering streams. Further, he talked about how a student should get ready to face the domain specific problems that arises in big companies throughout the world.

Ramesh spoke about the various aspects of Six Sigma, Total Quality Management, 5S, Quality & Environmental Management Systems, Supply Chain Management, Business Process Management, Training and Organisation Development.

The speaker highlighted the importance of global problems, Socio-Economic problems, Regional problems and Corporate problems and also how a fresh graduate can solve the aforementioned problems.

The event was coordinated by Dr. B.S. Harish, Co-ordinator, SJCE Alumni Association.

Awareness session for PU students tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.16 - Yi, Mysuru, is organising a career opportunities awareness session titled "What Next After PUC /+2?" on Aug.17 from 6 pm to 7 pm on a virtual platform. The objective of this event is to make PUC and plus-2 students aware of opportunities in professional fields that are as lucrative as engineering or medical fields.

Registrations are open for PUC and plus-2 students through the google forms link given below to enter the registration form — *https://forms.gle/JkVxYUwMHhL7QNUa7* — according to a press release from Dr. M. Pradeep and Nikhil P. Koundinya, Chapter Chair & Co-Chair, Yi Mysuru Chapter [Ph: 0821 - 2516319 or 2517003].

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- Narendra Modi

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Independence Day Ceremony at the ramparts of Red Fort to be live telecast by Doordarshan 6:25 a.m. onwards

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NEWS BRIEFS

Loans for ST community

Aimed at development of tribals residing in forest, forest fringes as well as nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community members, Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited has invited applications from ST community members for availing loans under various schemes to promote self employment including direct loans (Rs. 50,000 per unit, Rs. 25,000 as subsidy, Rs. 25,000 as term loan) and micro credit finance schemes, for the year 2020-21. Prescribed application forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website, www.kmvstdcl.karnataka.gov.in, for free of cost and the filled-in forms can be submitted in person to the office or through post, along with all necessary documents including copies of cast and income certificate, ration card, voter ID, Aadhaar card before Aug. 31. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430022, according to a press release from the Corporation District Manager.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Radhika Venugopal, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - Black Buck, Red-Billed Toucan & Mandarin Duck (Rs. 17,000); Anarghya Baguru, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru - Star Tortoise (Rs. 2,000); R. Varshini, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000); Prema Swarupa, Vijayanagar, Mysuru - Star Tortoise (Rs. 2,000); G. Kamal Kumar, Kolar Gold Fields - Spotted Deer and Love Bird (Rs. 8,500), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.05 ft
Yesterday	124.05 ft
Inflow	16,000 cusecs
Outflow	2,500 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.56 ft
Inflow	8,732 cusecs
Outflow	8,760 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.15 ft
Inflow	2,069 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

At COVID-19 meeting, District Minister asks officials to work harder and faster

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar has directed officials from all concerned departments to work with more responsibility and faster in keeping pace with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) in order to bring down the fatality rate of COVID-19 patients.

He was speaking at the COVID-19 review meeting held at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall here yesterday.

Expressing concern over increasing number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths in the district, Somashekar said that officials must take this matter seriously and work harder and faster with co-ordination for bringing down the fatality rate.

Expressing disappointment over the lackadaisical attitude of the officials, he said that they must take cue from the DC and function with more responsibility during the crisis.

Stating that he has been receiving complaints on lack of facilities for patients at COVID Hospitals, he called upon the officials to tell what all the problems they were facing for addressing the issues.

'Extend moral support for COVID-19 patients'

Stressing on the need for extending moral support for COVID-19 patients, the Minister said that the patients must be taught yoga, counselled by health experts and given advise by doctors and it is important that the officials take necessary measures in this regard.

Emphasising that total health care is the need of the hour, Somashekar said that the Government was ready to address any issues concerning hospitals for providing better care of patients.

'Strictly follow COVID guidelines'

At the meeting, the Minister directed officials to take more measures for ensuring that people strictly follow COVID-19 guidelines such as wearing of face masks and maintenance of physical distancing at all public places and gatherings.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra, Ashwin Kumar and B. Harshavardhan, MLC R. Dharmasena, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and a host of officials were present.

CM to offer Bagina to KRS and Kabini Dams on Aug. 21

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar said here yesterday that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will offer Bagina to KRS and Kabini Dams, which are full to the brim, on Aug. 21.

Stating that the Government has been informed that the water level in both the Dams has reached the maximum, he said that Chief Minister Yediyurappa will arrive in Mysuru on Aug. 21 and offer Bagina to both the Dams.

However, the Cabinet meeting to take place on Aug. 20 will decide the Chief Minister's tour schedule on that date (Aug. 21), he added.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	84
Total positive cases	:	3,263
Total discharges	:	1,791
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	1,439

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	64
Total positive cases	:	1,548
Total discharges	:	1,073
Total deaths	:	29
Total active cases	:	446

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	48
Total positive cases	:	934
Total discharges	:	600
Total deaths	:	11
Total active cases	:	323

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	154
Total positive cases	:	4,447
Total discharges	:	2,440
Total deaths	:	121
Total active cases	:	1,886

Obituary

Khursheed Begum

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Khursheed Begum (84), mother of Ilyas Baig, Chairman of NI Groups, passed away at her residence in Rajivnagar yesterday morning.

She leaves behind six daughters and four sons.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held last night at Masjid-e-Aqsa, behind Fountain Circle, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Dr. D. Prasad

Dr. D. Prasad (84), a retired Professor of Zoology and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on Aug. 14 at his residence in city. He leaves behind his wife Prof. Prema, two daughters, son-in-law and grandson. Funeral was held on the same day in city.

Mirza Ghouse Baig

Mirza Ghouse Baig (63), son of late Adam Baig, a timber merchant, passed away on Aug.14. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter. Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Berera Shambhu Aiyanna

Bengaluru: Berera Shambhu Aiyanna (73), former President

of Bengaluru Kodava Samaja, a social worker and a resident of Vidyranyapura in Bengaluru, passed away early this morning at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife and two sons. Cremation was held this afternoon at Bengaluru.

VOICE OF THE READER

Nostalgically Speaking-3: Prince was more of a Commoner

Sir,

KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Nostalgically Speaking-3 on Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar"*** in *SOM* dated Aug. 2, triggered off reminiscences of a distant past when the former Prince used to be my classmate at Maharaja's College when I was studying for my B.A. degree and later at Manasagangothri campus where I did my M.A. in Political Science.

Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar never threw his weight around as he mixed freely with all his classmates regardless of his status. Dressed almost always quite casually in jeans and T-shirts, the Prince could easily be mistaken for a commoner.

The last scion of the Wadiyar dynasty, he would even volunteer to say hello to his classmates and speak to them freely in Kannada. An ardent lover of cricket, he would strictly enforce discipline on the field while captaining his side, despite being so relaxed and sociable off the field.

The Prince also had an inner Circle of friends (to which I did not belong) who were very chummy with him. One of them was Ravi Joshi who went on to join the Central service a few years later. Amongst others, Veena Rao (grand-daughter of Dewan Mahadev Rao) and Fazila Rahmathulla, topper in M.A. Psychology and daughter of Rahmathulla, IAS (and one time an acting Vice-Chancellor who belonged to the famous Sir Mirza Ismail Family by marriage), Anwar Manipady (who went to Bangalore University for his M.A degree in Political Science and a few others were notable.

On the academic side, he used to be eager to participate in the weekly seminars at which discussions would reach a crescendo as the brighter students used to debate topical issues very passionately. Not always regular to the classes which was probably because he had difficulty sitting in a chair for hours on end (there was a special chair brought from the Palace and kept in the class-room for him, though), he walked away with many Gold Medals and emerged topper in Humanities when the results of the final M.A were out — an amazing 85 percent overall setting a record of sorts.

The Prince had a fine memory (I always addressed him as Prince, never by his name) and he would greet me whenever I ran into him either on the campus or somewhere out in the city. Once, my younger brother Mansoor came and told me that he met the Prince quite accidentally as he mistook my brother for me. The Prince also had the courtesy to inquire after me though it was well over a decade since we had ceased to be classmates. Almost a couple of years older than me, his sudden demise in 2013 saddened me.

—M.Jameel Ahmed

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8th Cross Ganesha Music Festival on FB Live

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The 8th Cross Ganesha 59th Music Festival organised by SPVGMC (Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable) Trust will be held through FB Live from Aug. 23. Timings and respective dates will be informed shortly. Following musicians will be giving FB Live concert: Vid. T.M. Krishna (vocal), Vidu. Akkarai Sister (violin duet), Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan and Vid. Anil Srinivasan (vocal and piano), Vid. Prasanna Venkatraman (vocal), Vid. Saket Raman (vocal), Vid. Shruti Sagar (flute), Vid. Hritvikraja (vocal), Vid. Vivek Sambashivam (vocal) and Vid. Heramba and Hemantha (flute duet). For details, contact Mob: 99022-81006 or 98455-01178.

Chosen for President's Police Medal

Umesh *Arun* *Shylendra* *Diwakar*

Bengaluru, Aug. 16- Nineteen Police Officers from the State, including Mysuru Police Training School Dy. SP Umesh Panitadaka, Srirangapatna Dy. SP Arun Nagegowda, Somwarpet Dy.SP H.M. Shylendra and Madikeri Rural Police Station Inspector Diwakar have been selected for the President's Police Medal for Distinguished and Meritorious Service.

The President's medals were announced on the occasion of Independence Day yesterday and the date of presenting the medals would be announced soon.

Srirangapatna Dy.SP Arun Nagegowda, while serving as a Sub-Inspector in Bengaluru city, was a terror to anti-social elements. While he was serving under Abdul Azeem, a strict Police Officer, Arun Nagegowda had encountered two persons involved in rape and murder cases, thus becoming a terror to anti-social elements.

While serving as the Inspector at Vijayanagar, Devaraja and also at many Traffic Police Stations in Mysuru, he was successful in solving many cases.

After being posted as Srirangapatna Deputy Superintendent of Police, Arun Nagegowda had arrested two highway dacoit gangs, who had become a headache to the Police.

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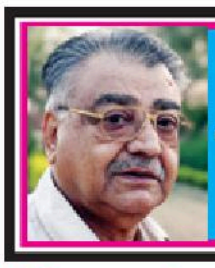
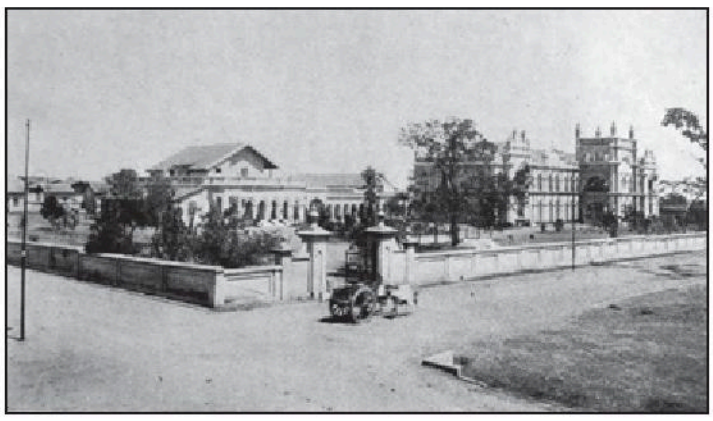


Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 5

Mission Hospital, Old Glory



My brother Dr. K.B. Subbaiah on his return from England for good, and deciding to marry of course, joined the Mary Calvert Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, popularly known as Mission Hospital, in the year 1970. I guess it was the first Hospital for those early days for Mysore established in the year 1906. The K.R. Hospital was established by the then King HH Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV in the year 1924. No wonder in the matter of health and education, Christian Missionaries are always in the forefront. It was aptly called *"Karunalaya — Home of Compassion."* Being a charitable and self-sustaining hospital, service was the motto, not making profit and pay the doctors high salary like in today's 5-star and even no-star hospitals!

Since my brother was a top doctor there, I used to visit the hospital often for one reason or the other. It was known for good nursing as also good medical care. Since it was in the outskirts of the city on Sawday Road, Mandi Mohalla, where mostly poor people lived, it attracted more poor people.

It came to be managed by the Church of South India (CSI) since 1974 and grew in its quality of service and infrastructure with more departments — a full-fledged hospital. With a new Executive Committee under the Board of Management and a Director, the hospital was considered the best in the city, next to the K.R. Hospital and in some cases even better. It had best of medical doctors of different specialisations and best nursing care and cleanliness.

Dr. John Eswaraiah was the Director for 20 years and developed the hospital in a remarkable way. My brother Dr. Subbaiah worked with him till he quit to take up private practice in 1980.

I had met one Dr. Tovy over dinner in my brother's house on the eve of his departure to Australia, his country. He was also a missionary. I guess he had given good donation to the hospital and we find a special ward named after Dr. Tovy. If there is any medical doctor who had lived upto his professional oath and credo, I will include his name on top of the list.

There was one British lady, Mrs. Kay Webb quite bulky in physique staying in the bungalow inside the campus, driving a jeep doing leprosy work with a clinic in Chamarajanagar (which was then part of Mysore district).

The hospital used to get maximum number of patients from Coorg (Kodagu), could be because of my brother who was from Kodagu and also from Chikkamagalur apart from neighbouring districts.

Dr. John Eswaraiah was also taking care of my parents, when needed, as a surgeon. He hit the newspaper headlines once when he attended on a cow-elephant in the Mysore Zoo. When he retired in 1986, after 20 years of sterling, humanitarian service, Dr. Paul succeeded him and served for 16 years. Later managerial issues affected the name and fame of this iconic hospital which once boasted of 'service-before-self' motto by its management and staff.

Now that many multispeciality and corporate hospitals have come up in our city, the people of Mysuru can only reminisce on the past glory of this Mission Hospital. But the good news is that the Mission Hospital is still patronised by the local people of the area and rendering the same kind of yeoman service like any Christian hospital generally does.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 4 on 'Farrokh K. Irani' was published on Aug. 9. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 6 on 'L. Revannasiddaiah, IPS (Rtd)' next week.*—**Ed**

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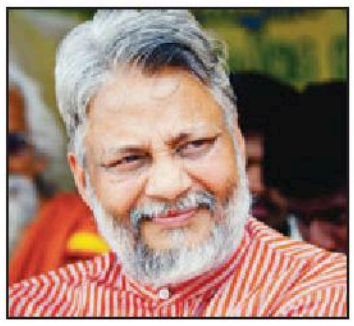
'Waterman of India' Dr. Rajendra Singh to address webinar tomorrow



Dr. Rajendra Singh

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The Department of Civil Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), has organised a one-day webinar in view of the 61st birthday celebration of the 'Waterman of India' — Dr. Rajendra Singh — tomorrow (Aug. 17) at 11.30 am through online.

The highlight of the event is the valuable address by the water conservationist and environmentalist, Magsaysay Award winner Dr. Rajendra Singh.

Dr. B. Manojkumar, Head, Department of Environmental Engineering, SJCE, will also deliver a talk on 'Advanced Wastewater Treatment Systems.'

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, P. Vishwanath, Hon. Secretary of VV Sangha, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. H.S. Dayananda, Dean (Academics) and Dr. S.K. Prasad, Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, will be present.

The webinar is open for all and there will be live YouTube streaming too. For details, contact Coordinators A. Sharmila (94480-08699) and J.K. Roopa Priya (Mob: 95919-31988).

Webinar on 'Research & Innovation'

Also, the Department of Information & Science Engineering (ISE) of VVCE, in association with Institution's Innovation Council and Anveshan Club, is organising a five-day webinar on 'Research & Innovation' from Aug. 17 to 21 from 11 am to 12 noon. This programme will be beneficial for faculty members, research scholars and industry professionals who work in the discipline of Engineering.

In this webinar, five resource persons will deliver the sessions (one session per day) and there will be no registration fee.

The resource persons for this webinar are Dr. G.B. Krishnappa, Dean (R&D), VVCE, Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE, Dr. N. Rajkumar, Research Manager, CL Educate, New Delhi, Apoorva Singh, UIF Fellow and Dr. K.B. Vinay, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE.

Topics that will be covered in this webinar are Intellectual Property Rights, Performance Enhancement Indicators, Research Paper Writing, Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship Development through TBI. The coordinators are Prof. Khasim Vali, Prof. S.N. Balu Vijay, Prof. K.N. Prakasha, Prof. S. Gagana and Prof. S. Kavyashree.

On this occasion, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. A.B. Rajendra, Head, Department of ISE, VVCE, will be present.

All sessions will be streamed live through streamyard on YouTube.

Safe and secure space for shopping by *Impressionz*

Mysuru, Aug. 16- *Impressionz* has organised a one-day exclusive exhibition tomorrow (Aug.17) at 'Sayoga' in VV Mohalla from 10 am to 8 pm. To make the shopping experience safe, thermal screening will be done and sanitiser provided.

At the expo, *Impressionz* brings **Anuradha Bhat** from **Sthree Collections, Chennai.** A bonanza of multitude variety of sarees for the festivities is here to dazzle the fashion connoisseurs of Mysuru.

Sthree creates sarees that boasts of traditional motifs with contemporary designs making it a heritage piece for the modern woman.

She has an eye for exquisite colours and designs and is a hot favourite of fashion savvy ladies across the country. With Gowri and Ganesha festivals round the corner, it is just the right time to go the whole nine yards and indulge in the choicest of sarees for the upcoming festival, says the Organiser.

She brings Kanjeevaram Saris, Heavy Benaras Silk, Mungha Benaras, Benaras Kora, Kota Silk, Light Weight Silks, Tussar Silks, Organza with antique zari, Embroidery Organza Tussars, Kalamkaris, Benarsi Linen Saris, Georgettes and so much more to make any occasion more vibrant.

Landslide at Talacauvery

Body of Assistant Priest found

Search operation continues to trace two more bodies

Madikeri, Aug. 16 (Prasad Sampigekatte & KS)- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team, which is continuing 'Operation Brahmagiri 2' since Aug. 13 to trace those who are missing following the landslide at Gajagiri Hill next to Brahmagiri Hill in Kodagu, has found another body in a decomposed state yesterday morning.

The body found buried under the mud and in a decomposed state at a distance from Nagatheertha, has been identified based on the finger ring as that of Ravikiran Bhat (29), a resident of B.C. Road in Madikeri. Sources said that he was the Assistant Priest of Talacauvery.

As there is a protected forest below the landslide site, Forest Department staff was conducting regular beats in the area and as the forest staff knew every inch of the forest, the search was conducted under their guidance from the spot, where the body of Chief Priest Narayanachar was found to a distance of five kilometres.

At about 11 am yesterday, the body of Ravikiran Bhat was found in a decomposed state and as the place was very narrow, the NDRF personnel, with the help of ropes, lifted the body of Ravikiran. As the body could not be identified on the spot, expert doctors were

Ravikiran Bhat

Srinivas Bhat

summoned from Madikeri to the spot to help in the identification of the body and the doctors were only able to identify the body as that of a male. As there were doubts that whether the body was that of Ravikiran Bhat or of Srinivas Bhat, information was collected from the family members of Ravikiran and the body was identified as that of Ravikiran Bhat, based on the finger ring on the decomposed body.

The family members of Ravikiran and Srinivas were present at Talacauvery, which was helpful in identifying the body. So far, the bodies of Chief Priest of Talacauvery T.S. Narayanachar, his brother Anandathirtha and Assistant Priest Ravikiran Bhat have been found and the NDRF personnel have launched a search to trace the bodies of Shantha Narayan and Srinivas Bhat.

Compensation cheques distributed

Meanwhile, District Minister V. Somanna yesterday distributed compensation cheques of Rs. 5 lakh each to the families of Narayanachar and Anandathirtha yesterday. District Minister V. Somanna, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC Sunil Subramani, DC Annies Kanmani Joy, SP Kshama Mishra, Tahsildar Mahesh and officials of various Departments were present during the search operation, which is continued today also.

It may be recalled that following a major landslide at the holy place of Talacauvery in Kodagu district in the midnight of Aug. 5, five persons — Talacauvery Temple Chief Priest T.S. Narayanachar (70), his wife Shantha Narayana (68), Shantha's brother Anandathirtha and relatives Ravikiran Bhat and Srinivas Bhat had gone missing as a portion of the Brahmagiri Hill collapsed on two houses where the priests lived due to heavy rains.

The NDRF team had recovered the body of T.S. Narayanachar on Aug. 11 while the body of Anandatheertha was recovered on Aug. 9.

Elephants trample woman to death

Suntikoppa (Kodagu), Aug. 16 (PS&KS)- An elderly woman, who had been for a walk, has been trampled to death by a herd of elephants at Modur Estate in Suntikoppa Police limits last evening.

The deceased is Neena Muthanna (76), wife of late Biddanda K. Muthanna, former President of Karnataka Planters Association. She leaves behind a son and two daughters. Sources said that Neena went for a walk in Modur Estate, located at the backwaters of Harangi Reservoir last evening and as she did not return even after 8 pm, her family members went in search of her and found her body trampled by elephants at the estate.

A case has been registered at Suntikoppa Police Station.

City to get 85 MLD extra water

(Continued from page 1)

MGP members suggested VVWW to harvest rain water in parks and trees along the road sides. VVWW has initially proposed to do RWH on Government buildings. It is also taking up one Ward in Mysuru as model Ward for RWH, they said.

RO Plants

The World Health Organisation and National Green Tribunal guidelines specify that Reverse Osmosis (RO) units have to be installed only when TDS (Total Dissolvable Solids) is above 500. But VVWW has already installed 40 RO Plants in each of the 40 MCC Wards and another 25 are under construction. It is planned to increase the mineral content or add minerals to RO water to make it healthier. It was decided not to give any permission for RO Plants in the future.

Billing issues: Contact Ph: 0821-2411366

Consumers having problem in billing can contact the respective meter reader or the nearest billing office or VVWW Office or Call Centre on Ph: 0821-2411366. If the meter is found defective, consumers can inform the meter reader. The VVWW officials will visit the spot, test the meter and replace it at consumers' cost, if found defective. While fixing the water meter, care should be taken to ensure that air does not flow freely. Water meters run when air passes through it. Consumers can contact officials of VVWW while fixing the meter.

The process of fixing smart meters will begin by the end of this month mainly for industrial, commercial and non-domestic consumers. If a consumer registers his mobile number on MCC website, he will receive water bills through SMS. VVWW vigilance squad checks for unmetered connections or illegal fixing of water pumps and penalises offenders. Public can give complaints against any such violators and their identities will be kept confidential, they added.

Sewage issues

There are over 2,500 kms of sewerage lines under MCC limits. The process of changing some old pipelines which are 6 inches in diameter to 8 inches is underway and would be carried out in a place where there are critical problems subject to availability of funds. 80 percent of the water supplied in Mysuru is handled by these pipes and they are finally treated at sewage treatment plants and supplied to non-potable purposes and gardening, the officials explained.

UGD complaint? Call Mob: 94498-41196

Most of the houses in Mysuru do not have RWH and hence during rainy season, all the rain water gets into the sewerage lines and gets chocked. After the manual scavenging is banned, 12 jetting machines have been procured to clear chocking in sewerage lines. In case of any UGD blockages, consumers can call 94498-41196 and obtain a complaint number. The problem will be attended within 24 hours and for further correspondence, this complaint number should be quoted. Due to defective planning by MUDA and private developers, VVWW is facing problems in maintaining some lines and process of identifying such missing links and rectifying them is underway, they added.

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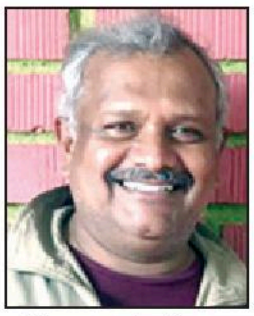
Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Today's virtual sessions

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The fourth edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 being held virtually on every weekend from Aug. 14, will conclude on Sept. 5. This edition has a wide range of authors and speakers as Panellists. Today, *SOM* features Aug. 16 panellists — Dharmendra, Vasudhendra, Sagarika Ghose and Prof. Shashidhar Nanjundiah.

PANELLISTS



Dharmendra Kumar

Vasudhendra

Sagarika Ghose

Prof. Shashidhar

Date: **August 16** Time: **5.30 pm**

Panel: **Tejo-Tungabhadra — History of a Common Man**

Dharmendra Kumar (Bengaluru)

A civil engineer by profession, having worked all over the world, Dharmendra Kumar's heart and soul resided in Karnataka and Kannada which impelled him to move to Bengaluru. Born and raised in Mysuru, his adoration towards the history of this city was drawn from the house that his grandfather bought from Krishnaraja Wadiyar. This can be seen in his book *Maretu Hoda Mysurina Putagalu* and his other book *Savi Nenape Manadalli Ararddhane* is a walk down memory lane!

Vasudhendra (Bengaluru)

Born in Sandur in Ballari district, Karnataka, Vasudhendra's literary career had a dream start. His first book, *Nammamma Andre Nangishta*, a collection of short stories won him the Sahitya Akademi award in 2006. His famous book *Mohanaswamy* was first published by Vivek Shanbhag in his Kannada literary magazine *Desha Kala* under a pseudonym, Shanmukha S. The author of thirteen books in Kannada, that have sold over 80,000 copies, Vasudhendra has won many literary awards, including the Kannada Sahitya Academy Book Prize, the Da. Ra. Bendre Story Award and the Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy Award.

Time: **7.30 pm** Panel: **Why I am a Liberal?**

Sagarika Ghose (New Delhi)

Sagarika Ghose is one of India's most noted journalists, an author and broadcaster. She is the author of two novels, The Gin Drinkers and Blind Faith as well as the recently published acclaimed best-selling biography of Indira Gandhi, Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister slated for a screen adaptation. Her latest book *Why I Am A Liberal:A Manifesto for Indians Who Believe In Individual Freedom* has been making waves. She has won numerous awards for journalism, including the C. H Mohammad Koya National Journalism Award as well as Best Anchor Award from the Indian Television Academy. She has also been listed as one of the world's most famous women Rhodes Scholars. Ghose is a popular and widely read columnist and at present she is consulting editor with The Times Of India.

Prof. Shashidhar Nanjundaiah (Bengaluru)

Prof. Shashidhar Nanjundaiah is a nationally reputed media educator and brought in pioneering concepts and pedagogy into media education. He has led institutes of repute as Director of Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communication, as Founding Director of Indira School of Communication, and first Dean at India Today Media Institute. He has also been an editor of newspapers and magazines in India and the US. He has researched, spoken and written extensively on international forums on the media, communication ownership and production, political communication, and more. Recently, he has introduced a media literacy course for schools and colleges under the banner "Being Responsible."

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International Cricket

M.S. Dhoni, Raina announce retirement

New Delhi, Aug. 16- Mahendra Singh Dhoni announced his retirement from international cricket yesterday, as he brought the curtain down on his illustrious 15-year career as an India cricketer when he posted on Instagram, calling an end to his international playing career.

Dhoni has been one of the best wicket-keepers to play international cricket and his record speaks for itself. The 39-year-old last played for India in the World Cup 2019 semi-final loss to New Zealand at Old Trafford in Manchester, played over two days on July 9 and 10.

"Thanks a lot for ur love and support throughout. from 1929 hrs consider me as Retired," Dhoni wrote along with an Instagram post of a montage capturing his career with the national team.

Dhoni, who had announced his retirement from Tests in 2014, has played 350 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and 98 T20 Internationals (T20Is).

In 350 ODIs, Dhoni had scored 10,773 runs at an average of 50.57. He has 10 centuries and 73 fifties to his name. Dhoni amassed 1,617 runs in 98 T20Is at an average of 37.60, including two half-centuries.

In January 2019, Dhoni added another feather to his cap as he became fifth Indian and 12th overall in ODI history to score 10,000 runs. The former India skipper achieved the milestone during first ODI against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 12.

Dhoni joined the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly, Kumar Sangakkara, Brian Lara and Sanath Jayasuriya on the elite list.

The 2011 World Cup winning captain is only the second wicketkeeper-batsman to touch the 10,000-run mark. Sangakkara was the first designated wicketkeeper-batsman to achieve the landmark.

Under Dhoni's captaincy, India lifted the 50-over World Cup in 2011 and the World Twenty20 in 2007. Dhoni also led India to the ICC Champions Trophy triumph in 2013 in England.

RAINA TOO RETIRES

Suresh Raina, one of India's prolific white-ball players in the last decade-and-a-half, announced his retirement from international cricket, following in the footsteps of his favourite captain and mentor M.S. Dhoni.

Raina's message came minutes after Dhoni told his millions of fans "consider me retired" on his Instagram page. *"It was nothing but lovely playing with you, @mahi7781. With my heart full of pride, I choose to join you in this journey. Thank you India. Jai Hind,"* Raina posted on his Instagram page.

The 33-year-old is among the few who scored centuries across formats having played 18 Tests, 226 ODIs and 78 T20 Internationals with nearly 8,000 international runs.

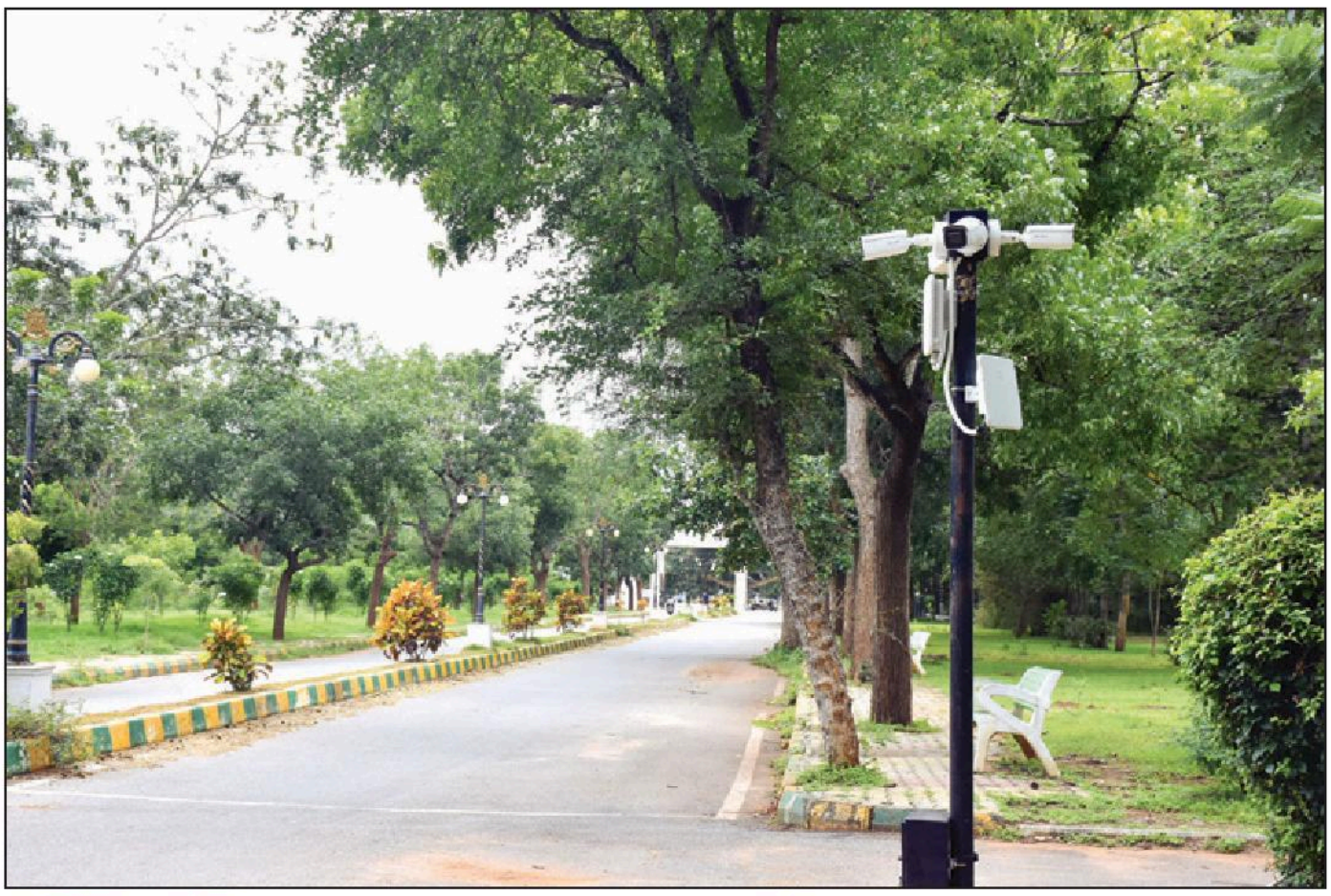
Virat Kohli, India captain, took to Twitter to congratulate Raina on a wonderful career.

Raina's best moment was a crucial unbeaten knock in a tricky World Cup quarter-final against Australia during the triumphant 2011 campaign.

Rohit Sharma termed Dhoni as one of the most influential people in the Indian cricket ever. However, India's limited-overs Vice-Captain is also happy that Dhoni will continue playing in the yellow jersey. Interestingly, he also spilled the beans on the opening game of the IPL 2020 willing to meet his former skipper at the toss on Sept. 19.

760 CCTV cameras to keep vigil on 200-acre Manasagangothri campus

By S.T. Ravikumar



Mysuru, Aug. 16 - The sprawling 200-acre campus of University of Mysore — Manasagangothri — has been fortified with over 760 Close Circuit TV (CCTV) cameras at every nook and corner. Works to install the cameras have almost completed and the University has spent over Rs. 5 crore for the project.

All entry and exit points, academic and study centres, Departments and Libraries have been equipped with hi-definition cameras and a Mysuru-based firm Convergence Systems has been given the contract of installing the cameras and maintaining the same for three years.

The University took this step after some anti-national incidents were reported from inside the campus during the controversial protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

All the 760 cameras have a feature of recording and the footages can be stored up to six months. They can rotate at 90-degree angle and can capture visuals from a distance of 500 metres. University sources told *Star of Mysore* that the installation of CCTV cameras across the campus would ensure safety and security of students and staff and help the authorities monitor the activities on campus. A centralised Surveillance Centre (Control Room) has been set up at the Computer Science Department.

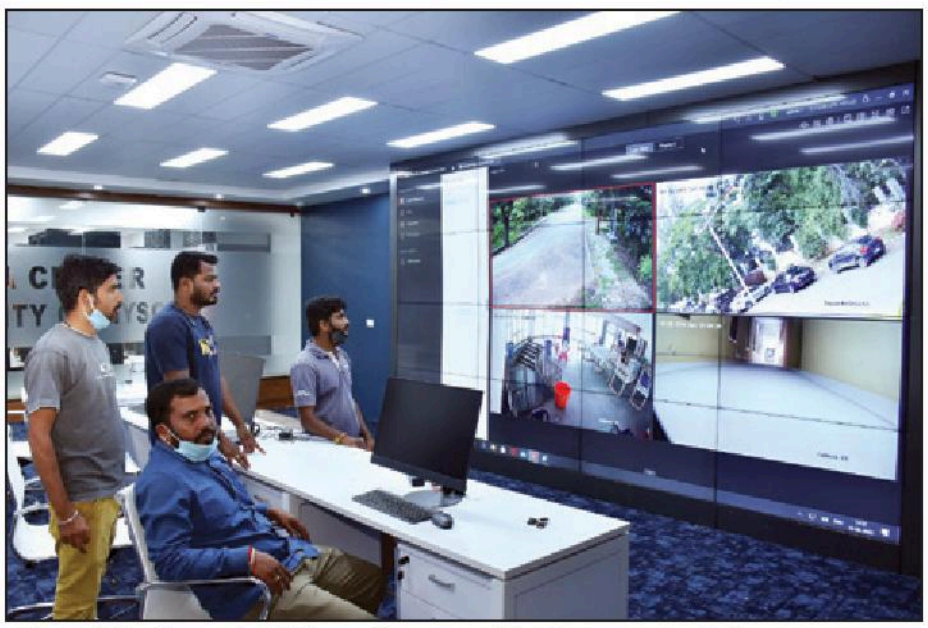
The Control Room will function round-the-clock and five people have been deputed to work in shifts. The Control Room has giant TV screens that continuously air visuals recorded in the cameras. Also, cameras have been installed at Crawford Hall and Evaluation Bhavan and both the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar can watch the visuals from their Chambers.

Cameras have been installed across the campus which covers Department corridors, campus roads, and at entrance and exit gates near Kukkarahalli Lake (East), Bogadi Road where Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Statue has been established (South), SJCE side gate (West) and B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Science on Hunsur Road (North). Cameras have the capacity to capture the number plates of vehicles entering and exiting the campus.

The University has more than 57 Departments and Study Centres spread across the campus including the Kannada Adhyayana Kendra, Humanities Block, Gandhi Bhavan, Senate Bhavan, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research Centre, Vigyan Bhavan, Village Hostel, Fine Arts College, Goutham Hostel and Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion (Museum). There is also a Library, auditorium and playground where surveillance cameras have been installed.

Earlier too, there were certain CCTV cameras inside the campus but most of them were non-functional and clear visuals were not captured. "We have replaced all the old cameras with high-definition cameras. Henceforth, if anyone indulges in illegal activities inside the campus or creates nuisance by spoiling academic activities, they can easily be identified and action can be taken," University authorities said.

However, cameras have not been installed inside the nearly 100-acre Kukkarahalli Lake premises (UoM is the custodian of the Lake) as it may trouble the vast bird population that have made the Lake their home, sources said.



The centralised Surveillance Centre (Control Room) that has been set up at the Computer Science Department in Manasagangothri.

Simple Independence Day sans colourful events by School children

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar inspecting the Independence Day Parade at Bannimantap Grounds yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug.16 (MTY&DM)- Amid the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the 74th Independence Day celebration organised by the District Administration in the city yesterday was a simple affair, sans any cultural programmes and participation of School children.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar hoisted the National Flag at the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap.

Speaking on the occasion, Somashekar said that the erstwhile Mysore rulers, decades ago had initiated 'Atma Nirbhar' concept which is much being talked about today, in order to make Karnataka self-reliant in all respects.

Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi through 'Atma Nirbhar' concept with the theme 'vocal for local' is determined to make the country self-reliant in the true sense, Somashekar maintained that the country is making rapid progress under the leadership of Modi.

Highlighting the contributions of the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas, he said that the establishment of Mysore Lamps, Mysore Paper Mills at Bhadravathi, HAL, Mysore Lac and Paints, Sandalwood Factory, MySugar at Mandya, Shivanasamudra Power Generating Station and such other major industries and the setting up of top institutions such as University of Mysore and State Bank of Mysore are all examples of the vision of the Mysore Maharajas.

Noting that Mysuru has earned global name and fame for its achievements, Somashekar said that the District has become a model for the country in respect of development.

Referring to COVID-19 care in the District, Somashekar said the District Administration is fully prepared for treating the increasing number of COVID-19 positive patients.

Pointing out that more than 23 hospitals are providing COVID-19 care, he said that there are 38 COVID Care Centres in the District and Hostels, Residential Schools and Schools have been utilised for the purpose.

Referring to flood relief measures, he said that the Government has announced Rs.5 lakh compensation for fully damaged houses, Rs.3 lakh for 75 percent damaged houses and Rs.50,000 for 15 to 25 percent damaged houses. Stating that Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation has been sanctioned Rs.14.14 crore for providing relief, Somashekar said that the Government has allocated Rs.5 crore to the District for meeting any emergencies. He further said that 49 relief camps have been set up across Mysuru District.

Asserting that the District Administration, learning from previous experience, had taken precautionary and safety measures much in advance of floods including shifting of people from vulnerable areas to safer locations, he said that these measures helped in preventing fatalities and mitigating damages to a large extent.

Marking the event, Somashekar released Tri-coloured balloons. Also, several COVID recovered persons were feted.

M.R. Bhavana of Morarji Desai Residential School at Bherya in K.R. Nagar taluk, who scored high marks (611/625) in SSLC was presented a Rs.10,000 cheque and an appreciation certificate on the occasion.

Earlier, Minister Somashekar received the Guard of Honour from KSRP, CAR, DAR and other Police wings. Due to COVID-19, there was no cultural presentation by School students. However, all those who attended the event were asked to compulsorily wear face masks and undergo thermal screening. The event also saw maintenance of physical distancing.

Mayor Tasneem, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra, MLC Marithibbegowda, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and other officials were present.

An invitee undergoes thermal screening by a health staff at Bannimantap Parade Grounds yesterday.

Freedom Fighters hoist Flag

Freedom Fighters Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy hoisted the National Flag in front of Freedom Fighters Bhavan in Subbarayanakere here coming under Ward 23 as part of Independence Day celebrations organised by the Association. Mahatma Gandhi's bust in the premises was garlanded on the occasion. Ward 23 Corporator Pramila Bharath was the chief guest. Freedom Fighters Association Vice-President Y.D. Revanna, General Secretary Prof. Ashok Narayan, Dr. Somashekar, Manjunath, Puttanna, Sheshadri, Ravi and others were present at the celebrations.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who felicitated M.R. Bhavana of Morarji Desai Residential School in K.R. Nagar for scoring 611/625 marks in SSLC, seen presenting a cheque for Rs.10,000 as Mayor Tasneem, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Tanveer Sait and ZP President Parimala Shyam look on.

I-Day: DRM highlights performance of SWR Mysuru Division

Mysuru, Aug. 16- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, celebrated the 74th Independence Day yesterday at the Railway Sports Grounds in the presence of Officers and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel while families participated through web telecast.

COVID Warriors, doctors and staff from Railway Hospital, health workers and house-keeping staff were felicitated for their dedicated service during this pandemic.

Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), who unfurled the National Flag, recalled India's great struggle for freedom and highlighted the performance of SWR Mysuru Division. Even though the whole country came to a standstill during nationwide lockdown, the wheels of Goods Train kept moving to maintain supply chain of essential commodities intact.

To supplement existing health care, within record time, 320 sleeper coaches were speedily converted to COVID Care Centres by SWR and were made ready for use by Health Department as directed by Ministry of Home Affairs, the DRM said.

SWR has run 226 Sharmik Specials to various States, facilitating safe return of approximately 4 lakh migrant workers to their homes, she said adding that Mysuru Division ran 12 Shramik Specials facilitating safe return of 17,000 migrant workers.

In all, 35 sleepers coaches were converted as COVID Care Centre by SWR Mysuru Division which has also created Isolation Wards and COVID Care Units in Railway Hospital for treatment and quarantine facility.

Apart from this, Mysuru Division has been in the forefront of battle against COVID by equipping frontline warriors with protection equipment, she said and added that 1,710 masks, 22 litres of hand sanitisers and 9,853 coveralls were manufactured in C&W Workshop and Coaching Depot int Mysuru.

She also highlighted the performance of doctors, paramedical staff and health workers 24x7. Referring to COVID-19 in the Division, she said that 110 persons were infected and among them 27 staff have been discharged while 75 patients are under treatment.

Turning adversities into opportunities, Aparna Garg said, SWR carried out significant number of track maintenance works such as tamping, ballasting, trucking out old rails and sleepers, USFD etc., from April 2020. "Our maintenance teams are on toes to ensure safe and smooth passage of trains including the day and night patrolling in challenging Hassan-Subramanya Road Ghat section," she said adding that major infrastructure works were undertaken during lockdown period.

Restoration of heritage buildings

Mysuru Division has been working to enhance the passenger experience at Mysuru City Railway Station and in the last two years the Division has worked tirelessly and meticulously to restore the heritage buildings. First it was the Divisional Office and then Mysuru Station with state-of-the-art Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Art Gallery.

Besides, the Mysuru Rail Museum which was closed for almost a year has been given a complete makeover with modern architecture and re-imagined spaces. It has been developed tastefully and has many new features. It should be 'a must see place' on every Mysurean's itinerary, she said. With an open amphitheatre in pristine surrounding, it is a new place in 'Namma Mysuru' for organising art and literary events, she said.

Lauding the involvement of South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation in all activities and the services of RPF, Scouts and Guides, She called upon the Officers, Supervisors, Staff and RPF personnel to strive for accomplishing the aim of building a New Railways and a New India.

Rail Museum holds drawing contest

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Over 50 children participated in the I-Day drawing competition organised by Mysuru Rail Museum at its premises in city yesterday. Children in the age group of 5-10 years took part. The theme was 'Trains and train journey' or any inspiration from the Museum.

DRM Aparna Garg, who was the chief guest, distributed prizes and complimented the organisers for observing protocols like social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitation in the premises.

Subhashini Devasahayam, Vice-President, South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organization (SWRWWO) was present on the occasion. Shanthi Babu, Sr.Divisional Mechanical Engineer, SWR, Mysuru proposed a vote of thanks.

The prize winners are: Vedashri Walimbe - first prize; Heba D. Leona and Varshith - both second prize; P. Mayur - third prize. Besides 7 consolation prizes were also given, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru Division.

The prize winners of drawing contest seen with DRM Aparna Garg and others.

Parrots celebrate I-Day at Sri Ganapathy Ashram

There was a unique I-Day celebrations at Shukavana (Parrot Park), a rehabilitation centre for parrots housed inside the sprawling premises of Avadhoota Datta Peetham's Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in Datta Nagar, Mysuru. Even as a parrot hoisted the National Flag, a few other parrots lined up and shouted slogan *'Bharat Mata Ki Jai.'* A video of the parrots of Shukavana celebrating the I-Day by hoisting the national flag has gone viral on social media. In the video, a parrot hoists the Tricolour and other parrots pay respect to the National Anthem. Later, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji raised the slogan, *'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'* and the parrots too followed the same.

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